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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Operations Branch

SUBJECT : Maintenance of Electronic Equipment

1. History

The Communications Section of the Operations Branch was charged with the responsibility of the maintenance of all electronic equipment for the Chalice program.

The Maintenance Section of the former Air Division was charged with the responsibility of the maintenance of all electronic equipment for the P2V-7 program.

When the old Air Division was made a part of the DPD Complex, Personnel assigned the responsibility for maintenance of the P2V-7 electronic equipment were dispersed throughout DPD.

2. Present

With the re-organization of the old Air Division no clear cut definition of responsibilities were made concerning the maintenance of the P2V-7 electronic equipment. At the present time the Communications Section, Operations Branch is assuming at least fifty percent of the maintenance responsibility, the Maintenance Section of the Materiel Branch is more or less assuming responsibility for a portion of the maintenance responsibility, and the P2V-7 Project Officer of the Developments Branch has been assisting with electronic maintenance problems especially as pertains to field maintenance.

3. When the Operations Requirements Section was designated as the focal point for the P2V-7 program the problems concerning channels to follow as regards electronic maintenance was and still is not clear cut. The Chief of the Operations Communications Section indicates that the re-organization has now settled down to a point where a clear cut definition of responsibilities should be made.

4. Recommendations

The Operations Requirements Section has been designated as the focal point for the P2V-7 program. The Operations Communications Section is assuming a greater portion of electronic maintenance responsibility and has qualified electronic maintenance personnel assigned and on call from the Office of Communications. It is recommended that the Operations Communications Section be designated as the focal point for maintenance of all P2V-7 electronic equipment to the same extent that they are responsible for maintenance of Chalice electronic equipment.

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5. The designation of a focal point for electronic maintenance is an inter office Operations Branch function is as much as a segment of the Operations Branch has been designated as the focal point for the P2V-7 program.

6. The designation of the Operations Communications Section as the responsible section for maintenance of P2V-7 electronic equipment would include the responsibility for selection of qualified personnel to man the field electronic maintenance unit and provide qualified technical representatives as required. (This maintenance problem was brought to light primarily by the present problem concerning replacement for presently assigned GPL technical representative.) Supply problems concerning procurement and stock piling of spare parts, special tools and test equipment would be initiated by the Operations Communications Section and sent to the Material Branch for necessary action.

7. The attached memo is submitted for your consideration.

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Chief, Requirements Section, DPD

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